

ACTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020
7:30 pm
Town Hall, Room 126

Present: Bob Ferrara (BF), Victoria Beyer (VB), Doug Herrick (DH), Bill Dickinson (BD) - Chair, Bill Klauer (BK)

Absent: David Martin (BoS Liaison), Jaye Oman (JO), Brad Maxwell (BM)

1. Opening

Chair Bill Dickinson opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

2. Regular Business

- 1) Approval of Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes from the AHC’s December 2019 meeting (no January meeting) were reviewed and approved unanimously by a vote of 5-0.
- 2) Citizen Concerns: Anne Forbes commented about the recent fire in Concord involving the Charles Francis Adams house. In watching media coverage, she noted that several reporters referred to the MACRIS building inventory forms.
- 3) Any ZBA/Planning Board projects on the CRL: DH stated that he had reviewed the meeting agendas and hearings of the ZBA and did not recognize any historic properties for review.
- 4) PAL Associates – CRL to MACRIS Update: JO was not present to provide a status update. We will defer this issue until the next meeting.
- 5) Bridge Project between Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and TTT: BD is continuing to define and socialize the idea of a foot-bridge link between the Trail-Through-Time and the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail by spanning the Nashoba Brook at the old Davis Road. He will update cost estimates and the bridge design at the next meeting.
- 6) Archaeological By-Law: BF led a discussion on the elements constituting an archaeological by-law. There were questions about whether it should be a stand-alone by-law, or a required element of another by-law, such as demolition delay. Of particular focus was preservation of stone landscapes and clusters of pre-contact peoples. BF will

follow up on several issues and questions for the next meeting.

- 7) MACRIS Inventory Numbers on Assessment Property Cards: This will be continued after the completion of the CRL-to-MACRIS Update.

3. New/Special Business

- 1) 40 Brook Street comments: No objections.
- 2) Review 183 Main Street demolition permit: A walk-thru was scheduled for Saturday, February 29th at 11:00 am
- 3) Review proposed renovations at 562 Main Street: Phoebe and Brewster Conant Jr. presented a design overview, through their architect, of the changes they are proposing to the Conant farmhouse. A walk-thru was scheduled for Saturday, February 29th at 10:00 am
- 4) Update Commission's Contact Info: A sign-up sheet was passed around for all Board members to update their key contact information.

4. Consent Items - None

5. **Adjournment:** At 9:07 p.m., it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Documents and Exhibits Used During this Meeting

- Meeting minutes of December 2019